

ball is still not known and is under examination internationally. DG, Shipping has taken steps to determine the cause of tar-ball deposits on the coast of Goa. M/s National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) has been engaged for conducting a study on occurrence of tar balls on the coast of Goa.

(b) and (c) The Director General Shipping has not received any such warnings from National Institute of Oceanography, Goa; National Institute Ocean Technology, Chennai; Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad or any other Government of India Ocean Research Department delegated with similar responsibility. The cleaning of the beaches is carried out time to time by the concerned State Authorities.

#### **Environmental clearance to Indira Sagar Project**

2056. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given its clearance including the stage II clearance for the Indira Sagar Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the State Government had kept the Ministry informed about the steps taken by the State and the inaction by the other States; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Environmental Clearance to the Indira Sagar Project (Polavaram Multipurpose Project) in Andhra Pradesh was granted on 25.10.2005 after following due procedure as under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has thereafter proposed the construction of embankments on river Sileru and Saberi in Chattisgarh and Orissa to avoid submergence in these States, which were not considered during grant of Environmental Clearance in 2005. The construction of embankments in Orissa & Chattisgarh require public hearing under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. Public hearing have not been conducted in the States of Orissa and Chattisgarh because the State Governments of these States have objected against construction of Indira Sagar Project.